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THIRD CONVENTION OF THE KOREA-SOVIET CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The third convention of the Korea-Soviet Cultural Society, convened 27 April 1949, was attended by 400 delegates representing 1,300,000 members. Special guests of honor were Premier Kim Il Sung, President Kim Doo-hong, Mr. Shtikov, the Soviet Plenipotentiary to Korea, and representatives of various political and social organizations. The convention also welcomed representatives of Mongolian and Chinese cultural organizations.

The delegates unanimously adopted a resolution acclaiming the "Soviet Union is the only bulwark of peace and democracy."

During the 3-day convention, reports were made covering the following subjects:

1. Financial statement of the Central Committee, Korea-Soviet Cultural Society.
2. Revisions of the Society's Rules and Regulations.
3. Election of members of the Society's Central Committee.
4. Membership and organization -- the society was organized. 1 Oct 1945, with 3,000 members and 20 branches; now, the membership has been increased to 1,300,000 men and women in 105 branches throughout the country.
5. During 1948, the Society sponsored more than 69,000 lectures and musical concerts throughout the country.

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6. Since the liberation, 109 Russian language schools have been established, and a total of 1,580 Russian language students have graduated. In addition, the Society was responsible for publishing 26 different types of publications with a total of 160,000 copies.

A speech by Mr. Shtikov concluded the convention.

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